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### UM COMPOSER PRESENTS CONCERT OF ORIGINAL WORKS

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MISSOULA--

A free concert of original music by Dr. Donald O. Johnston, professor of music and composer-in-residence at the University of Montana, will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall on the UM campus.

Three works, "Montage," "Meditation," and "Toccata," will be performed by the Montana Philharmonic Symphony orchestra, under Johnston's direction.

"The Throne of Jehovah," an organ chorale, will be performed by Dr. John Ellis, organist and associate professor of music, with the University Choir, under the direction of Donald Carey, associate professor of music.

Two unaccompanied choral pieces, "Autumn Sonnet," based upon a poem from the collection, "Lost Arrows," by Harold C. Algyer, and "The Eyes of the Lord," an anthem, will be performed by the University Choir.

The concluding work, a composition for chorus and orchestra titled "A Soldier's Requiem," was written in memory of the 45th Infantry Division in Korea.

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Johnston served in that division during the Korean conflict and was awarded the bronze star. After returning to civilian life, he taught music at the College of Idaho and at Ripon College in Wisconsin before accepting a position at UM.

Johnston has composed a large number of works for chorus, band, orchestra and chamber ensembles.

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